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MAJOR GENERAL CHESTER W. CECIL

Chester Witten Cecil was born in Crowell, Texas, December 15, 1912. He was graduated from high school at Abilene, Texas, in 1929 and received his Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry from Abilene Christian College in 1933.

Appointed a flying cadet in February 1935, General Cecil was graduated from Primary and Advanced Flying School in March 1936, and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Air Corps on October 1, 1936. Assigned with the 20th Pursuit Group at Barksdale Field, Louisiana, after graduation from Flying School, in August 1937 he was transferred to the 15th Observation Squadron at Scott Field, Illinois. Entering the graduate school of Massachusetts Institute of Technology in June 1939, he completed the Meteorology Course in June 1940.

Going to Borinquen Field, Puerto Rico, General Cecil supervised weather stations in that area and flew with the 27th Reconnaissance Squadron. In July 1942 he was named Regional Control Officer for the Sixth Weather Region and Weather Officer for the Sixth Air Force at Albrook Field in the Panama Canal Zone. The following June he went to San Antonio, Texas, as Assistant Control Officer of the Third Weather Region, and two months later he was Assistant Weather Officer at Air Corps Headquarters. In October 1943 he was appointed Weather Officer of the Tactical Air Command at Orlando, Florida, becoming Weather Officer for the Army Air Forces in the Mediterranean Theater in January 1945.

Entering the Army and Navy Staff College that June, General Cecil was graduated the following December. Assigned as Deputy Chief of the Statistical Control Division at Air Corps Headquarters in March 1946, he was appointed Chief of that division in June 1946. In January 1948 he became Director of Statistical Services in the Office of the Comptroller, USAF, and Assistant for Field Management to the Comptroller in July 1949. After serving as Assistant Chief of Staff, Comptroller, at Headquarters, United States Air Forces in Europe from March 1951 to July 1954, he returned to the Air Force Headquarters as Assistant for Plans and International Affairs in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Comptroller, becoming Director of Management Analysis Service there in July 1955.

In August 1959 he moved to Headquarters, Pacific Air Forces, where he became Assistant Chief of Staff, Comptroller. On March 1, 1960, he assumed duties of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Administration and Logistics. General Cecil became Comptroller, Headquarters, Air Force Logistics Command on July 22, 1962. Orders assigned him to Sacramento Air Materiel Area 1 December 1964 as the Commander.

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Personal Data:

1. Date and Place of Birth: 15 December 1912, Crowell, Texas.
Parents: Chester W. Cecil, Sr. (now deceased) and Goldie M. Brown.
2. Date of Marriage: 8 June 1940; Wife - Lorene M., Daughter - Jean M.,
Son - Chesley W. Cecil.
3. Official Home Address: 1733 Sycamore Street, Abilene, Texas.
4. Education: 1929 - 1933, BS, Chemistry, Abilene Christian College,
Abilene, Texas.
1935 - 1936, Air Corps Flying School, Kelly Field,
San Antonio, Texas.
Oct. Jun.
1936 - 1937, Armament School, Rantoul, Illinois
Jun. Jun.
1939 - 1940, Graduate School, Massachusetts Institute of
Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts.
May Jan.
1945 - 1946, Army-Navy Staff College, Washington, D. C.
Mar. May
1947 - 1947, Harvard Graduate School of Business -
Advanced Management Program, Cambridge, Mass.

Summary:

Service: Entered flying training as a Flying Cadet February 1935. Graduated from Advanced Flying School March 1936 as Pursuit Pilot. Received commission in Regular Army Air Corps October 1936. Various squadron duties 1936 - 1939. Regional Weather Officer for the following regions: Puerto Rico, Panama and Tactical Air Command 1940 - 1945. Weather Officer, Mediterranean Allied Air Force 1945. Chief, Statistical Control Division, AAF 1946 - 1949. Assistant Comptroller, Field Management 1949 - March 1951. Comptroller Hq USAFE 1951 - 1954. Promoted to Brigadier General 5 September 1952. Assistant for Plans and International Affairs, Comptroller, USAF 1954-1955. Director of Management Analysis, Hq USAF 1955 - 1959. Comptroller, Pacific Air Forces, August 1959 - 1960. March 1960 - 1962, Deputy Chief of Staff, Administration and Logistics, Pacific Air Forces. July 1962 - 30 November 1964, Comptroller, Hq Air Force Logistics Command. L December 1964, Commander, Sacramento Air Materiel Area.

Decorations and Medals: Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Ribbon, American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle East Campaign Medal, WW II Victory Medal, Army of Occupation (Germany), National Defense Service Medal, and AF Longevity Service Award with one Silver Oak Leaf Cluster and one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster.

Promotions: Promoted to First Lieutenant October 1, 1939; to Captain (temporary) September 9, 1940; to Major (temporary) December 5, 1941; to Lieutenant Colonel (temporary) March 1, 1942; to Colonel (temporary) January 30, 1943; to Captain (permanent) October 1, 1946; to Lieutenant Colonel (permanent) July 1, 1948; to Colonel (permanent) July 27, 1950; to Brigadier General (temporary) September 5, 1952; to Major General (temporary) June 1, 1960; to Brigadier General (permanent) March 7, 1961; to Major General (permanent) February 28, 1963.

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current - October 1965

Our speaker today is Maj Gen C. W. Cecil, Commander of the Sacramento Air Materiel Area.

General Cecil was born in Crowell, Texas, December 15, 1912. He grew up in the Lone Star State and received a degree from Abilene Christian College there in 1933. He became a flying cadet in February 1935 and received his commission in October of the following year.

Early in his career as an officer, Cecil completed a course in meteorology at the MIT Graduate School. This training qualified him to hold weather officer positions before and during World War II.

For the past 20 years, Cecil's work has centered in Comptroller type operations. During that time he has held responsible positions at Hq USAF as well as with the US Air Forces in Europe and the Pacific Air Forces. Immediately prior to his assignment as SMAMA Commander on December 1, 1964, General Cecil served as Comptroller at Air Force Logistic Command Headquarters.

General Cecil's decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, and the Army Commendation Ribbon.

General and Mrs. Cecil are the parents of two children. Their son Chesley is with them at McClellan AF Base while their daughter Jeanne and her husband, Dr. Kenneth Funk, make their home in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Major General Chester W. Cecil took command of the Sacramento Air Materiel Area (SMAMA) on 1 December 1964.

He took over in a period of high stress: (1) The Secretary of Defense had announced the closing of three Air Materiel Areas, with their workloads being redistributed to the remaining AMAs. (2) Rapid and extensive build-up of forces in Southeast Asia was resulting in monumental logistic challenges.

As Commander, Gen Cecil directed and led in the development of concepts to improve Southeast Asia support through increased responsiveness to materiel requirements, on-site depot level maintenance, and installation of communications and electronics systems in the Southeast Asia combat environment.

Gen Cecil led the establishment and deployment of logistical Rapid Area Support Teams to Southeast Asia to meet the critical and urgent need for Air Force Logistics Command (AFLC) skills and resources for quick reaction to special needs.

In 1965, SMAMA was assigned the prime responsibility for developing support concepts and meeting the requirements of Project Bitterwine, which was designed to provide materiel support to meet the increasing Southeast Asia needs. PROJECT BITTERWINE was primarily concerned with the assembly and dispatch of huge quantities of materiel to Southeast Asia to augment existing base capabilities, and for use on new bases being constructed where none had existed before. These maintenance complexes were created and in jungles and rice paddies throughout Southeast Asia under the most difficult and primitive conditions. The fact that the bases were completed and made operationally effective was due, in large part, to the aggressive leadership and foresight of General Cecil.

Gen Cecil's most widely known and outstanding accomplishment was the community relations program he personally conducted, and which has resulted in a greater mutual understanding of base-community problems. Through Gen Cecil's relations with the City-County Chamber of Commerce, a vitally-needed land trade was negotiated which resulted in McClellan's gaining 52 acres of land immediately adjacent to the base. In exchange, the base gave up acreage physically separated from the installation and having limited use for industrial expansion.

Gen Cecil has spearheaded numerous fund drives to show McClellan's concern for the community. In the 1965, 1966, and 1967 United Crusade drives, McClellanites contributed over \$700,000. In 1966 and 67, base personnel have raised more than ten thousand dollars for the benefit of the Sacramento Symphony League.

Since December 1964 approximately 50 Sacramento community leaders have accompanied General Cecil on orientation flights to more than 20 USAF installations throughout the continental United States. These trips have contributed immeasurably to community understanding of USAF objectives.

A gift of 35 acres for recreational facilities from a prominent Sacramento contractor, Carl Lawrence, was a direct result of General Cecil's personal efforts to stimulate interest in the base and its needs.

A Memorial Rose Garden was established through the efforts of General Cecil and the Sacramento Rose Society. "Camellia Corners" was another base beautification project, this time in conjunction with the Camellia Society of Sacramento.

The Air Force officially commended SMAMA for its outstanding Base Equal Opportunity program, an area of high concern to the Commander.

Under Gen Cecil's leadership, the AMA developed logistic and financial management techniques utilizing computer capabilities of simulation and mathematical models, as well as selected and mass data processing. During his tour, SMAMA developed 14 new data systems, of which 12 were adopted for AFLC-wide use, and two were adopted for Air Force-wide use.

General Cecil manages a vast industrial complex that employs approximately 20,000 persons, and has an annual payroll of over \$165,000,000. The SMAMA inventory amounts to \$639.2 million. The base covers 2,584 acres, and has a value of \$211.5 million. The Sacramento Air Materiel Area includes the U. S. geographical area of Washington, Oregon, Nevada, California and Hawaii. Outside the U. S., SMAMA's geographical area of responsibility includes Southeast Asia and the Pacific. At the present time, SMAMA is System Support Manager for four space satellite systems; the Thor missile; the T-28, T-33, T-39, A-1, EC-121, F-84, F-86, F-100, F-104, F-105, F-111 and FB-111 aircraft; and Communications, Electronic and Meteorological equipment.

SMAMA manages ^{over 9,000} some 9,368 aircraft on 304 bases throughout 39 countries in the world.



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Gene Colson,
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GENERAL BENJAMIN WILEY CHIDLAW, USAF

Benjamin Wiley Chidlaw was born at Cleves, Ohio, a suburb of Cincinnati, on December 18, 1900. After graduating from Woodward High School in Cincinnati, he entered the U.S. Military Academy from which he was graduated June 13, 1922, and appointed a second lieutenant of Air Service. From December, 1922, until January, 1924, he took primary flight training at Brooks Field, Texas, and advanced training at Kelly Field, Texas.

General Chidlaw remained at Kelly Field as a flying instructor until June, 1924, when he went to the Philippine Islands for duty with the Third Pursuit Squadron at Clark Field. In October, 1926, he was assigned to Brooks Field as a flying instructor and in 1928, was named assistant staging commander and final check pilot. In July, 1930, he entered the Air Corps Engineering School at Wright-Patterson Field, Ohio, and was graduated in June, 1931.

The following five years General Chidlaw was project officer of the Training and Transport Aircraft Branch, Air Corps Materiel Division, at Wright-Patterson Field. In early 1934, he spent three months helping the Air Corps inaugurate its flying of the air mail. In August, 1935, he entered the Air Corps Tactical School at Maxwell Field, Alabama. He was graduated in June, 1936, and entered the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He completed the course in June, 1937, and went to Langley Field Virginia, to join the Second Bombardment Group. He became operations officer in May, 1938, and in January, 1939, was named technical assistant to the assistant chief of staff for materiel at General Headquarters Air Force at Langley.

Following a period of temporary duty at Wright-Patterson Field, General Chidlaw was assigned in March, 1939, in the Supply Division of the office of the Chief of the Air Corps. Three months later he became chief of the Engineer Section in that division and in October, 1939, transferred to the Materiel Division as chief of the Experimental Engineering Branch. He later transferred to Air Force Headquarters with the same duties and during this period monitored and directed the development of the original jet engine and jet airplane.

In March, 1943, General Chidlaw was assigned to the office of the Assistant Chief of Air Staff for Materiel, Maintenance, and distribution, as chief of the Materiel Division. During this time he represented the Army Air Forces on several joint RAF-AAF technical missions in London. In April, 1944, he was assigned as deputy commanding general of the 12th Tactical Air Command in the Mediterranean theater. Following the invasion of Southern France, in which the 12th TAC participated, he organized and commanded the

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22th Tactical Air Command which supported the Fifth Army's drive up the Italian Peninsula.

General Chidlaw, in March, 1945, assumed command of the Mediterranean Allied Tactical Air Forces, composed of the American 12th Air Force, the British Desert Air Force, and associated service elements. Upon the surrender of the German Forces in the Mediterranean theater, he was assigned as deputy commanding general for operations of the Air Technical Service Command; (later redesignated Air Materiel (Command) at Wright-Patterson Field. In October, 1947, he was promoted to lieutenant general, and was appointed deputy commanding general of Air Materiel Command, of which he became commanding general September 1, 1949.

On July, 28, 1951, General Chidlaw was appointed commanding general of the Air Defense Command at Ent-Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

General Chidlaw has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal Legion of Merit, Air Medal, and Bronze Star Medal. His foreign Decorations include the French Croix de Guerre with Palm and Legion of Honor; the Brazilian Commander, Order of the Southern Cross, and Aeronautical Medal of Merit; the Polish Cross of Valor; the British Commander, Order of the British Empire. He also wears the American Defense ribbon, American theater ribbon, European-African-Middle East Defense ribbon with five Bronze Stars, and Victory Medals for both World Wars.

He rated a command pilot and combat observer.

He and his wife, the former Miss Lillian Marie Braun, of Cincinnati, Ohio, have one son, Ben Evan Chidlaw.

PROMOTIONS

He was promoted to first lieutenant (permanent) April 26, 1927; to captain (permanent) August 1, 1935; to major (temporary) March 1, 1940; to major (permanent) September 8, 1941; to lieutenant colonel (temporary) September 8, 1941; to lieutenant colonel (permanent) June 13, 1945; to colonel (temporary) March 1, 1942; to brigadier general (temporary) November 2, 1942; to major general (temporary) April 9, 1945; to lieutenant general (temporary) October 1, 1947; to major general (permanent) February 19, 1948, with date of rank from December 22, 1942, to general (temporary) October 29, 1951.

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Up to date as of 31 October 1951



Gen Benjamin W. Childlaw

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July, 1941

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LT. COL. CLARK HOLDS IMPRESSIVE SERVICE RECORD

John M. Clark, Lt. Col., A. C., Commanding Officer of the Sacramento Air Depot since June 11, 1941, has for his present ambition the goal of all of us who are so proud of our field, that of assisting in making the Sacramento Air Depot the foremost Depot in the United States Air Corps.

The Field welcomes our new commanding officer and his charming wife. She was formerly Dorothy Hilgers of San Antonio, Texas. They have one son, who graduated in June, 1941, from Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a Master's degree in engineering. He is now a Junior Engineer at the Power Plant Experimental Division, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.

The Colonel was born November 1, 1893, in Caldwell County, Texas, and has always been an ardent sportsman, being particularly interested in polo, basketball, baseball, swimming, squash and golf.

His service record is very impressive and for one who is wholeheartedly in accord with the idea of making this the foremost Depot in the Air Corps, we can feel assured that his experience and ability will go far toward accomplishing this goal in record time.

Col. Clark was first commissioned as a First Lieutenant, at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas, in 1917, and has had an interesting and varied career ever since, including such assignments as Engineering Officer, Brooks Field, San Antonio, Texas, during 1918; Operations

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Officer in the Mexican Border Patrol, 1919 and 1920; and in the Panama Canal Zone from then until 1923.

He was then transferred to Duncan Field, San Antonio, Texas, where he served as Depot Supply Officer from 1924 to 1926. Following this he was appointed Commanding Officer of the 68th Service Squadron, Kelly Field, serving in this capacity from 1927 to 1929. He was later transferred to Patterson Field, Dayton, Ohio, as Depot Supply Officer in 1930. In 1931 he was transferred to our own immediate vicinity, where he was Commanding Officer, 80th Service Squadron, 20th Pursuit Squadron, Barksdale Field, Shreveport, La., in 1933 and 1934, during which time he also commanded the 20th Pursuit Group, during the 1933 Air Maneuvers.

Col. Clark attended the Air Corps Tactical School at Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Alabama, from August 1935 to June 1936, at the completion of which he was transferred to Duncan Field, San Antonio, Texas, where he served as Depot Supply Officer for the succeeding four years. He assumed command of the Middletown Air Depot at Middletown, Pa., in May, 1940, in which capacity he served until assigned to the command of the Sacramento Air Depot June 11 of this year.

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Carl Spaatz
Brig, Gen. Air Corps
Chief of the Air Staff.

October 17, 1941

William W. Dick
Lt. Col. A.G.D.
Air Adjutant General

AAF Regulations No. 20-4

Organization of the Air Service Command By Command of Major General Arnold:

1 General: Under the provisions of AR 95-5 there is established, effective immediately, the Air Service Command, under the Chief of the Air Corps, to function within the continental limits of the US. Under appropriate commanders similar organizations will be established in overseas departments and commands as soon as possible.

2. Organization: The Air Service command, ~~under the command of~~ consists of a Chief thereof, with the necessary staff and subordinate agencies, together with the facilities, units, troops, and personnel which have ~~hereto~~ heretofore been assigned to the jurisdiction of the Air Corps ~~Maintenance~~ Maintenance Command, which is hereby inactivated, and such additional agencies, facilities, units, troops, and personnel as may be assigned or attached thereto. The Air Service Command consists of the following:

- a. Headquarters, Air Service Command
- b. The 50th Transport Wing, consisting of such transport groups and squadrons as may be assigned or attached thereto.
- c. Four air service area commands, with headquarters located adjacent to the four Air Force Headquarters within the continental limits of the United States, and including such air depots, air sub-depots, air depot groups, air parks, installations and stations as may be authorized from time to time.

Duties: The Chief, Air Service Command pursuant to policies, directives, and instructions issued by higher authority is charged with the following duties:

- a. Supervision of all activities of the Army Air forces within the continental limits of the US insofar as they pertain to the storage and issue to mobile service elements or Air Force units of equipment and supplies procured by the ~~Air~~ Corps, the maintenance repair, overhaul, and salvage of all Air Corps equipment and supplies beyond the limits of responsibility for first and second echelons of maintenance which are assigned to mobile service elements or combat units.
- b. Preparation and issue of all technical orders and instructions pertinent to Air Force material.
- c. Except as otherwise provided, coordination with other supply arms and services of the army relative to the storage, issue, maintenance, repair, and salvage of equipment and supplies procured by them for the use of the Army Air Forces. The Chief of the Air Service ~~Command~~ Command will deal directly with the Chiefs of other supply arms and services of the Army.
- d. Compilation of Army Air Force requirements for supplies to be procured by the Air Corps, or to be supplied to the Air Corps by other arms and services.
- e. Procurement, as may be directed, of equipment and supplies required in the operation and maintenance of the Army Air Forces.
- f. Command control of all air depots, air sub-depots, air depot groups, air parks and air service command installations and stations. The command control of sub-depots hereby assigned to the jurisdiction of the Chief of the Air Service command is limited to that required for proper ~~governance~~ ^{management} of the sub-depots and will not be construed to alter the prerogatives and responsibilities of the station commander with respect to ~~general~~ administration of the post, camp or station.
- g. To facilitate unification of the supply system within the army

air forces the chief of the Air Service Command will have technical control of all units and personnel assigned to fixed service elements other than the Air Base Squadrons at all Army Air Force Stations within the continental limits of the US.

h. Technical control of all air depots and Air Force materiel outside the continental limits of the US.

i. Performance through operating agencies of the Air Service Command of such duties heretofore assigned to Corps Area Commanders, with respect to administration and the service of supply for Air Force posts, camps of ~~stations~~ stations as may be specifically directed by higher authority.

i. The Chief of the Air Service Command will prepare plans for the operation of the service elements of the Army Air Forces which are under his control and for improvements thereto. Included in these plans will be adequate provisions for extending Air Service Command facilities and service organizations to the Combat Zone to insure that combat units will at all times be provided with adequate logistical support. Necessary services, facilities and organizations will at all times be maintained in readiness for release to Theater Commanders as elements of the service of supply in Theaters of Operations.

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local...4th Air Service Area Command headquarters

Col. John M. Clark, commanding officer of area.

more than 100 officers

more than 292 enlisted men

more than 200 civilian workers

Area headquarters brought from San Francisco under Col. Clark's command.

Includes all of the air depots, intransit depots, ~~intreax~~ and air depots

group of nine western states: Colo., Wyo., Utah, Ore., Calif. Nev. Ariz.,

N.M. and Wash.

Main air depot under local command are in San Bernardino, Ogden, Utah;

Spokane, Wash, and Sacramento air depot.

Col. John A. Laird, executive officer

HEADQUARTERS McCLELLAN FIELD
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER
McCLELLAN FIELD, CALIFORNIA.

July 10, 1941

C E R T I F I C A T E

This is to certify that the undersigned vacated quarters at his former station, June 4, 1941; reported for duty at the Sacramento Air Depot, McClellan Field, California; and assumed command June 10, 1941. The Commanding Officer's quarters were undergoing repairs, having been used as office buildings by the former Commanding Officer. Work was not completed and quarters ready for occupancy until June 23, 1941.

JOHN M. CLARK
Lt. Col., A. C.

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Chief of Air Service
WASHINGTON

July 22, 1922

PERSONNEL ORDERS)
No. 116

EXTRACT.

1. Pursuant to General Orders No. 30, War Department, 1922, the detail of duty involving flying, effective July 1, 1922, of the following named officers commissioned in, or detailed to the Air Service, who are qualified aircraft pilots and are fit for duty as such, and who were on duty requiring regular and frequent participation in aerial flights on June 30, 1922, and have been on duty since that date, is hereby confirmed, an emergency having existed that prevented the issuance of this order on that date. Such of these officers as are performing special, administrative or school duty are hereby detailed to duty involving flying in addition to other duty, effective July 1, 1922. (Par. 2 Executive Order)

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First Lieut. John M. Clark, A. S.

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By direction of the Chief of Air Service.

W. H. Frank,
Major, Air Service,
Executive.

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L. H. Drennan,
Major, Air Service
Chief, Personnel Division

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Arthur Salinger
ARTHUR SALINGER
Lt. Colonel, A. G. D.

1. Date and place of birth: November 1, 1893, - Lockhart, Texas

2. Schools and colleges attended, and graduation dates:

High School - graduated 1911
San Antonio Business College - graduated 1913.
LaSalle Extension University, Illinois - (Business Administration) -
1915-1917 (Did not graduate due to war).
Air Corps Tactical School - graduated 1936.

3. Date of entry into the military service, and when commissioned:

Entry date: September 22, 1917
Date commissioned: November 30, 1917

4. Flying schools attended and dates of graduation therefrom:

R. M. A. at Brooks Field, 1918.

5 & 6. Names of stations at which officers served giving dates, and arranged in chronological order; principal duties performed at each station:

Ft. Sam Houston - Nov. 30, 1917 to March 30, 1918. Member
Aviation Examining Board.
Kelly Field - March 30, 1918 to April 3, 1918. Organized and
Commanded 67th & 118th Squadrons.
Brooks Field - April 3, 1918 to March 1, 1919. Chief Engineering
Officer.
Barron Field - March 3, 1919 to March 22, 1919. Chief Engineering
Officer (closing field).
Kelly Field - March 24, 1919 to July 21, 1919. Chief Engineering
Officer.
Ft. Bliss, Texas - July 23, 1919 to Sept. 22, 1920. Group
Adjutant & Group Engineering Officer, 1st Surveillance
Group.
San Antonio Air Depot - Sept. 24, 1920 to Feb. 17, 1921. Depot
Supply Officer.
France Field, Panama, C. Z. - May 20, 1921 to April, 1924. Group
Operations Office, 6th Composite Group.
San Antonio Air Depot - May, 1924 to July, 1926. Depot Supply
Officer.
Kelly Field, Texas - July, 1926 to October 1929. Commanding
Officer 68th Service Sqdn. and Air Corps Supply Officer.
Fairfield Air Depot, Fairfield, Ohio - October 1929 to Oct. 1930.
Depot Supply Officer.
Mather Field, California - Nov., 1930 to Oct., 1932. Group
Engineer 20th Pursuit Group and Commanding Officer of
80th Service Sqdn.
Barksdale Field, Shreveport, Louisiana - Nov., 1932 to May, 1935.
Commanding officer 77th Pursuit Sqdn., 20th Pursuit Group.
Group Commanding Officer, 20th Pursuit Group, 1933
Maneuvers, West Coast.

Col. John M. Clark, A. C. (Continued)

Air Corps Tactical School, Maxwell Field, Alabama, June, 1935 to June, 1936.

San Antonio Air Depot - June, 1936 to May, 1940. Depot Supply Officer.

Middletown Air Depot - June, 1940 to June, 1941. Commanding Officer.

Sacramento Air Depot, McClellan Field, California, June, 1941 to date. Commanding Officer.

4th Air Service Area - March 12, 1942 to date - Commanding Officer

7. Dates of promotion in rank:

Pvt. 1 cl., Avn. Sec. Signal, E. R. C. Sept. 22, 1917;

Appointed 1st Lieut., Avn. Sec. Signal, O.R.C. Nov. 30, 1917;

Captain, A.S. U.S. Army, Oct. 11, 1918;

1st Lieut., A.S. Reg. Army - appointed July 1, 1920; (accepted September 7, 1920).

Appointed Capt., Reg. Army, May 25, 1930;

Appointed Major (Temporary) April 20, 1935;

Appointed Major (Permanent) April 1, 1939;

Appointed Lt. Colonel (Temp.) March 11, 1940;

Permanent Lt. Colonel, August 4, 1941;

Appointed Colonel (Temporary) December 5, 1941.

8. Decorations: None.

9. Outstanding flights performed, giving dates: None.

10. Athletic abilities, hobbies, etc.:

Baseball, basketball, golf, polo, squash, tennis and swimming.

Hobby: Speedboat racing - boat building.

11. Other information of human interest value:

Member of first Air Corps Polo Team - 1919, Kelly Field, composed of: Lt. General George H. Brett - then Major; Brig. General Elmer E. Adler - then Lieutenant; Colonel Norman J. Brophy - then Lieutenant; Major William Garrison (retired).

1924 - Member of Army Polo team sent to Mexico City, beginning a series of games which continued for many years. The other Air Corps member of this team was Lt. Gen. Frank M. Andrews - then Major.

1933 - On a mission for the War Department and State Department through Central America surveying aerial route from Mexico to Panama.

HEADQUARTERS SACRAMENTO AIR DEPOT
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER A1
MCCLELLAN FIELD, CALIFORNIA

February 17, 1941.

MEMORANDUM TO: Public Relations Officer, POST.

1. Following is the information requested in memorandum from Public Relations Branch, Headquarters Army Air Forces, subject: Officers' Biographies, dated January 28, 1942:

a. Lockhart, Texas - November 1, 1893.

b. High School - graduated 1911.

San Antonio Business College - graduated 1913.

LaSalle Extension University, Illinois - (Business Administration) 1915-1917 (Did not graduate due to war.)

Air Corps Tactical School - graduated 1936.

c. Entry date: September 22, 1917
Date commissioned: November 30, 1917

d. R. M. A. at Brooks Field, 1918.

e. & f. Ft. Sam Houston - Nov. 30, 1917 to March 30, 1918.
Member Aviation Examining Board.

Kelly Field - March 30, 1918 to April 8, 1918.
Organized and Commanded 67th & 118th Squadrons.

Brooks Field - April 9, 1918 to March 1, 1919.
Chief Engineering Officer

Barron Field - March 3, 1919 to March 22, 1919.
Chief Engineering Officer (closing field)

Kelly Field - March 24, 1919 to July 21, 1919.
Chief Engineering Officer.

Ft. Bliss, Texas - July 23, 1919 to Sept. 22, 1920.
Group Adjutant & Group Engineering Officer, 1st Surveillance Group.

Memo to: Public Relations Officer, POST. (2-17-42)
RE: Biographical sketch - Colonel Clark.

San Antonio Air Depot - Sept. 24, 1920 to Feb. 17, 1921.
Depot Supply Officer

France Field, Panama, C.Z. - May 20, 1921 to April, 1924.
Group Operations Office, 6th Composite Group.

San Antonio Air Depot - May, 1924 to July, 1926.
Depot Supply Officer.

Kelly Field, Texas - July, 1926 to Oct., 1929.
Commanding Officer 68th Service Sqdn. and
Air Corps Supply Officer.

Fairfield Air Depot, Fairfield, Ohio - Oct., 1929 to
October, 1930.
Depot Supply Officer.

Mather Field, California - Nov., 1930 to Oct., 1932.
Group Engineer 20th Pursuit Group and
Commanding Officer 80th Service Sqdn.

Barksdale Field, Shreveport, Louisiana - Nov., 1932
to May, 1935.
Commanding Officer 77th Pursuit Sqdn., 20th Pursuit
Group.
Group Commanding Officer, 20th Pursuit Group, 1933
Maneuvers, West Coast.

Air Corps Tactical School, Maxwell Field, Alabama,
June, 1935 to June, 1936.

San Antonio Air Depot - June, 1936 to May, 1940.
Depot Supply Officer.

Middletown Air Depot - June, 1940 to June, 1941.
Commanding Officer.

Sacramento Air Depot, McClellan Field, California,
June, 1941 to date.
Commanding Officer.

- g. Pvt. 1 cl., Avn. Sec. Signal, E. R. C. Sept. 22, 1917;
Appointed 1st Lieut., Avn. Sec. Signal, O.R.C. Nov. 30, 1917;
Captain, A.S. U.S. Army, Oct. 11, 1918;
1st Lieut., A.S. Reg. Army - appointed July 1, 1920;
(accepted September 7, 1920.)

Memo to: Public Relations Officer, POST: (2-17-42)
RE: Biographical sketch - Colonel Clark.

(cont'd) g. Appointed Capt., Reg. Army May 25, 1930;
Appointed Major (Temporary) April 20, 1935;
Appointed Major (Permanent) April 1, 1939;
Appointed Lt. Colonel (Temp.) March 11, 1940;
Permanent Lt. Colonel August 4, 1941;
Appointed Colonel (Temporary) December 5, 1941.

h. Decorations -- none.

i. Outstanding flights -- none.

j. Baseball, basketball, golf, polo, squash, tennis
and swimming.

Hobby: Speedboat racing - boat building.

k. Member of first Air Corps Polo Team - 1919, Kelly Field,
Composed of: Lt. General George H. Brett - then Major
Brig. General Elmer E. Adler - then Lieutenant
Colonel Norman J. Brophy - then Lieutenant
Major William Garrison (retired).

1924 - Member of Army Polo team sent to Mexico City,
beginning a series of games which continued for many
years. The other Air Corps member of this team was
Lt. Gen. Frank M. Andrews - then Major.

1933 - On a mission for the War Department and State
Department through Central America surveying aerial
route from Mexico to Panama.

JOHN M. CLARK,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.

HEADQUARTERS SACRAMENTO AIR DEPOT
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER
McCLELLAN FIELD, CALIFORNIA

RTN/js-PR

February 16, 1942

SUBJECT: Biographical Material.

TO: Commanding Officer, McClellan Field, California.

1. Complying with request of the Headquarters Army Air Forces, the McClellan Field Public Relations Office desires to secure the following biographical information concerning Colonel John M. Clark:

- a. Schools and colleges attended and graduation dates.
- b. Dates of promotions in rank.
- c. Decorations.

Richard T. Nimmons

RICHARD T. NIMMONS,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Public Relations Officer.

HEADQUARTERS SACRAMENTO AIR DEPOT
Office of the Commanding Officer
McClellan Field, California. (A1)

September 23, 1941

SUBJECT: Correction of Records.

TO: Chief of the Air Corps, War Department, Washington, D.C.

1. Request that the enclosed corrected copies of Form #1 for July 23, 1941 and Forms #5 for July, August and September be used to correct the records of night flying time of the undersigned, on a flight from this station on July 23rd.

2. The flight began at McClellan Field at 6 A.M. Pacific Standard Time. In that it is customary to use the home station standard time for all entries on Form #1 for uniformity, the night time entry was inadvertently omitted at the time that the Form #1 was filled out upon landing at Patterson Field.

3. Although it is understood that subsequent correction on Form #1 reports submitted is not ordinarily permitted, it is requested that approval be had in this case, in that, due to the trying and confining duties incident to commanding a depot under the present emergency, it is most difficult to find time to comply with annual flight requirements.

JOHN M. CLARK

3 Encls. Lieut. Colonel, Air Corps
Commanding.

#1 - W/D Form No. 1

#2 - W/D Forms No. 5 (4 originals)

#3 - Ctf re Form #1.

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Office of Information, Sacramento Air Materiel Area, McClellan AFB, Calif, 332-5330, ext.6129

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COL. JOHN M. CLARK---June 11, 1941 to May 25, 1942---Col. Clark was an ardent sportsman and former member of the Army polo team. After his year at McClellan he went to England as chief of the Eighth Air Force's maintenance repair division and became a brigadier general. He retired to Texas in 1958.



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SPECIAL ORDERS)
No. 291)

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, 15 December, 1941.

E X T R A C T

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10. LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN M. CLARK (O-10370), Air Corps, is relieved from his present assignment and duty at the Sacramento Air Depot, McClellan Field, California, effective at such time as will enable him to comply with this order, is then assigned to headquarters, Second Air Service Area, Spokane, Washington, and will proceed to that station and report for duty not later than 15 January, 1942, and report by letter to the commanding general, Air Service Command, Wright Field, Ohio, for instructions. The travel directed is necessary in the military service. FD 1402 P 1-06, 15-06 A 0410-2. If the travel is performed by privately owned automobile par. 1 g, A. R. 605-180, applies. (A.G. 210.313, A. C.) (8 Dec. 41.)

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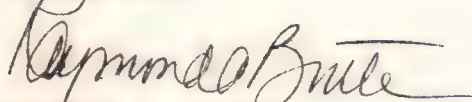
By order of the Secretary of War:

G. C. MARSHALL,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

E. S. ADAMS,
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

A TRUE COPY:



RAYMOND A. BUTLER,
2nd Lt., Air Corps.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
710 Crocker Building
620 Market Street
San Francisco, Calif.

March 27, 1942.

Honorable Robert P. Patterson
Assistant Secretary of War
War Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I do not know whether you will associate me with the man of the same name who once was Collector of the Port of New York, but I have now been out here for over five years, and at the instance of President Roosevelt, I am handling some matters for the Department of Justice.

Recently, I spent a week in Sacramento in the trial of a case for the government, and during that time it was my privilege to go through the plant of the Sacramento Air Depot at McClellan Field. I have never seen a more perfectly organized and smoothly working organization anywhere. During my visit I met for the first time, the Commanding Officer of the Sacramento Air Depot, Lieutenant Colonel John M. Clark. I was so impressed with him, both as a soldier, Commanding Officer, and a friend of his men, that since my visit there I have been wanting to write to you about him.

As I say, I do not know Colonel Clark very well personally. However, without his knowledge I have since that time obtained his record, which is the record of a splendid soldier. He has been in the army since 1917 as an Engineering Officer and Operations Officer, in the Mexican Border Patrol, and in the Panama Canal Zone. He was Commanding Officer at Kelly Field and at Patterson Field, Dayton, Ohio. Colonel Clark is an aviator by practice and command, and was an intimate of my late dear dead friend, General Billy Mitchell.

I am sure you will not mind my calling Colonel Clark and his record to your personal attention since he knows nothing about it, for I remember that when I was in the Customs House in New York, where I had 5000 men under me, I was always happy to hear of the effective service of one of my executive officers. Also, with the vast increase in the army, I am sure it can do no harm for a layman like myself to emphasize the outstanding record and personal gifts of a man like Colonel Clark.

Please do not bother answering this letter for I know how crowded you are with burdens. I do wish, however, to only congratulate you and Secretary Stimson on the splendid job you are doing for the country.

Very respectfully yours,

/s/ DUDLEY FIELD MALONE
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WAR DEPARTMENT

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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

IN REPLY
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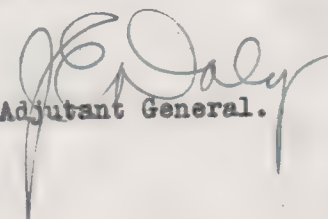
April 9, 1942.

SUBJECT: Commendation.

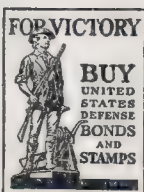
To: Colonel John M. Clark 010370, Air Corps,
Sacramento Air Depot,
McClellan Field, California.

1. The attached copy of letter of commendation is furnished you for your information.
2. The original letter has been placed with your official record in this office.

By order of the Secretary of War:


Adjutant General.

1 Incl.
(Copy letter
3-27-42)



WP--Will proceed
 TDN--Travel directed is necessary in the military service
 TPA--If travel performed by privately owned automobile for permanent
 change of station only, DS authorized Par 1 g, AR 605-180

ARMY AIR FORCES
 HEADQUARTERS
 AIR SERVICE COMMAND
 WRIGHT FIELD, DAYTON, OHIO

EAD

16 May 1942

SPECIAL ORDERS)
 NO. 130)

EXTRACT

2. Under auth Cir 99 WD 42, and ltr CG of AAF, 13 Feb 1942,
 the following changes in asgmts and duties are directed. WP. TDN. TPA. FD.
 31 P-02 A 0425-23. QM 100 P 03 A 0500-23.

NAME	RELD FROM--	ASGD TO--
✓ Col <u>JOHN M. CLARK</u> 010370, AC	ASC, McClellan Fld, Sacramento, Calif.	ASC, Hq 4th ASAC, San Francisco, Calif.
Capt <u>ALPHONSUS L. CAMPBELL</u> 0902727, AC	ASC, Rome Air Dep, Rome, NY.	ASC, Wright Fld, Dayton, Ohio.
Capt <u>WAYNE R. DICKERSON</u> 0900422, AC	ASC, Hq Washington, DC.	ASC, Brookley Fld, Mobile, Ala.
Capt <u>DAVID ST. PIERRE DU- BOSE</u> , 0901723, AC	ASC, Hq Washington, DC.	ASC, Wellston Air Dep, Macon, Ga.
1st Lt <u>CLAUDE C. LEAR</u> 0310882, AC	ASC, Greenville Sub-Dep, Greenville, Miss.	ASC, Brookley Fld, Mobile, Ala.
1st Lt <u>ROBERT J. RANDALL</u> 0285689, Ord Dept	Casual Det, NYPE, New York, NY.	ASC, Wright Fld, Dayton, Ohio.
2nd Lt <u>THOMAS S. RYAN</u> 0437266, AC	ASC, Patterson Fld, Fairfield, Ohio.	ASC, Moody Fld, Sub- Dep, Moody Fld, Val- dosta, Ga.
2nd Lt <u>HUGH F. LISTER, JR.</u> 0433551, AC	do	ASC, Spence Fld, Sub- Dep, Spence Fld, Moultrie, Ga.
2nd Lt <u>GEORGE W. PALMER</u> 0321027, Ord Dept	Casual Det, NYPE, New York, NY.	ASC, Wright Fld, Dayton, Ohio.
2nd Lt <u>JACK H. VENNING</u> 0436998, AC	ASC, Hill Fld, Ogden, Utah.	ASC, Wendover Fld, Sub-Dep, Wendover Fld, Utah.

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By command of Major General MILLER:

OFFICIAL:

RALPH NEMO

Colonel, Adjutant General's Department

Adjutant General.

Copies: Off concerned, Mil Pers Br, Off Div, Files, Budget.

ROBERT V. IGNICO,
 Colonel, Air Corps,
 Chief of Staff.

Special Orders)
No. 114)

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, 16 May, 1941.

E X T R A C T

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18. Lieutenant Colonel John M. Clark (O-10370), Air Corps, is relieved from assignment and duty at Middletown Air Depot, Middletown, Pennsylvania, effective on or about 22 May, 1941, is then assigned to McClellan Field, Sacramento Air Depot, California, and will proceed to that station and report for duty. The travel directed is necessary in the military service. FD 1402 P 1-06, 15-06 A 0410-01. If the travel is performed by privately owned automobile detached service for eleven days is authorized.

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By order of the Secretary of War:

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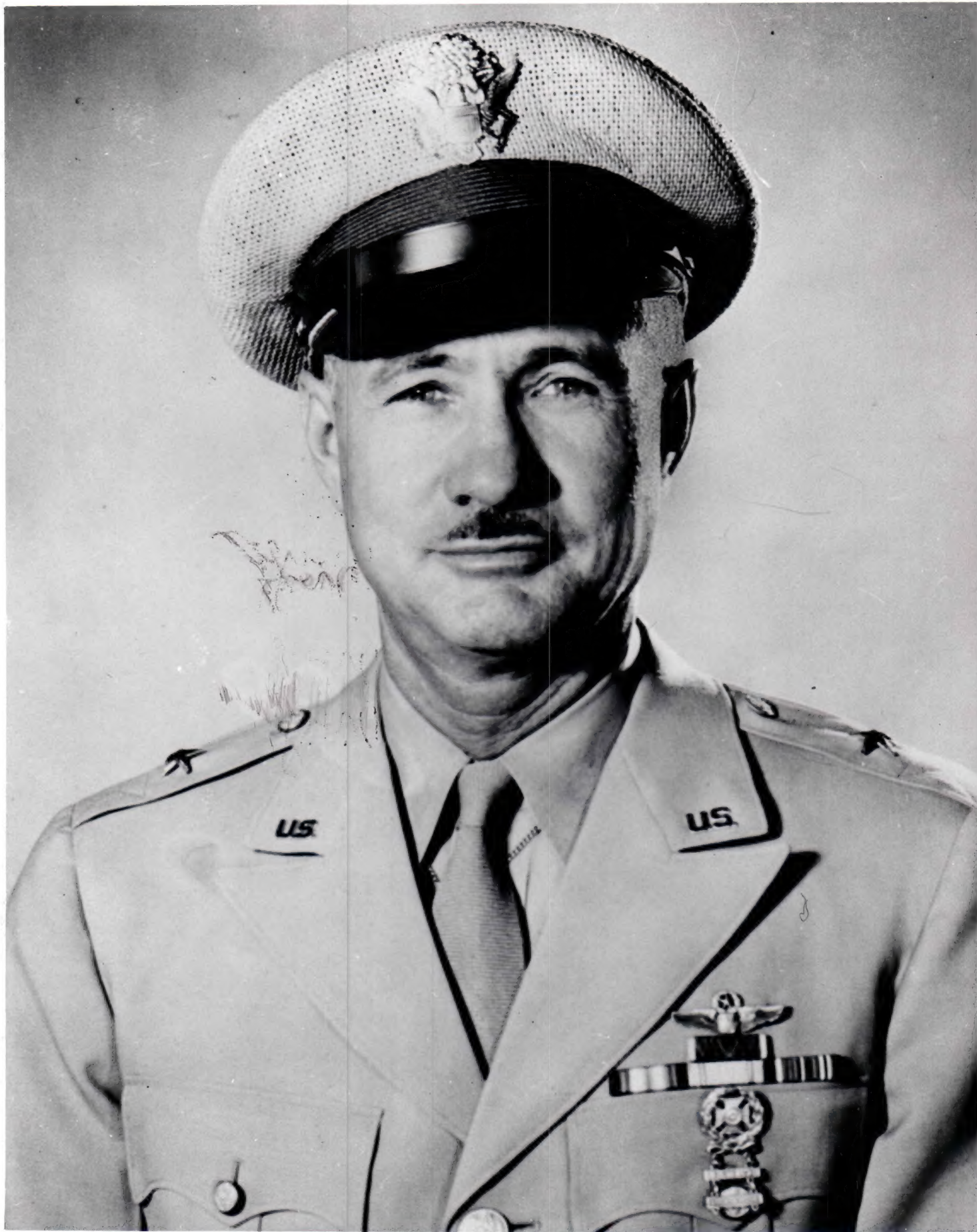
E. S. ADAMS,
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

G. C. MARSHALL,
Chief of Staff.

TRUE EXTRACT COPY:

R. B. Stevens

R. B. Stevens,
1st Lt., Air Corps.



John M. Clark
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J. Hawton
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